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FM: KG CHAM: CO, OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST/MIL REGION ONE 13 FEB 69 153ØG TO: PHNOM PENH: G2, GENERAL STAFF/FARK((1)) O((IMMEDIATE)) NR: 38/OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST REFERENCE MY MESSAGE NR 8Ø4((2)) DATED 12 FEBRUARY 1969. AFTER ON THE SPOT VERIFICATION, RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: ON 12 FEBRUARY 1969, A USL-20 VIOLATED OUR AIRSPACE FLYING IN A NORHT -SOUTH DIRECTION FROM THE OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST/SAVY RIENG MSD STATIONED AT THE BAVET((11-04N) 106-11E:X12723))LOCAL SURFACE DEFENSE FORCES DETACHMENT AT XT268237((11-06N) 106-09E)). UNDER THE FIRE OF OUR MACHINEGUNS, THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT AND CRASHED IN FLAMES AT XT273187((10-57N 106-07E)), APPROXIMATELY SEVEN KILOMETERS IN THE SAME DIRECTION. AN ELEMENT COMPOSED OF CO. G2, SVAY RIENG MSD AND MUNICIPAL POLICE, SENT ON RECONNAISSANCE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF TWO SCOUT CARS, ARRIVED ON THE SPOT AND CAPTURED THE AMERICAN PILOT, CW2 LAIRD PEARSON OSBORN, WHO WAS LIGHTLY WOUNDED, AND TOOK PHOTOS OF THE WRECKAGE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, APPROXIMATELY 30 HELICOPTERS, FOURF-100'S, TWO CARIBOUS, AND TWOL-19 AIRCRAFT FLEW STRAIGHT IN WITH THE INTENTION OF REMOVING THE WRECKAGE AND RECOVERING THE PILOT, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. FROM 1710G TO 1830G, THEY PROCEEDED TO BOMBARD AND STRAFE THE WRECKAGE AS WELL AS SVAY RIENG OPERATIONAL COMMAND POSO ELEMENTS GOING TO PRY VENG SDEY, XT2"3188((11-Ø1N 106-Ø8E)), WITHIN A RADIUS OF THREE KILOMETERS. 2. DAMAGES AND LOSSES. FRIENDLY: NONE. MANY UNEXPLODED BOMBS AND SHELLS WERE FOUND. 3. WRECKAGE PARTS TO WIT: ONE WING AND ONE TAIL UNIT/WERE TAKEN TO THE SVAY RIENG OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST ON THE NIGHT OF 12-13/FEB-RUARY 1969. THE MOTOT, TOO HEAVY((TO MOVE)), STILL RE- MAINS IN PLACE UNDER HEAVY GUARD. 4. MEASURES WERE TAKEN BY SVAY RIENG MSD. 5. MIL REGION OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST ARRIVED AT ((SVAY RIENG)) ON THE MORNING OF 13 FEBRUARY 1969 WITH TACTICAL SUBGROUPS 1 AND 3. THE 1ST ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTERY WAS PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SVAY RIENG OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST, IN POSITION AT XT256197((11-03N 106-09E)). THE 25TH BATTALION IS IN MOVEMENT TO ((SVAY RIENG)). 6. AT THE PLACE OF OHE INCIDENT THE SITUATION HAS BECOME CALM SINCE MORNING. ((1)) ALSO SENT TO: G3, GENERAL STAFF/FARK: G4, GENERAL STAFF/FARK. INFB: CO, MIL REGION ONE: CO, OPERATIONAL COMMAND POST/(CSVAY RIENG MSD)): CO, SSVAY RIENG MSD. ((2)) SEE 2/ CEY/RØ11-Ø16-69. MS: TI: 13 FEB 69 1034Z XXHH 5000 NNNN CN:

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